

Press Release

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Department of Community Services



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Important to Harford
County Citizens"

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Youth Volunteers Needed for Harford County Teen Court

Teens needed for jury in a Restorative Justice Program

(Bel Air, MD) - - A training session for Teen Court youth volunteers will be conducted on Thursday, August 29, 2013 from 4:30pm to 7:30pm at the Harford County District Court located at 2 South Bond Street in Bel Air, Maryland.

Harford County Teen Court was piloted in the spring of 2011 as a diversion program providing first time non-violent youth offenders with a second chance at life. The program follows a restorative justice model to determine what is best for the respondent, the victim, and the community. Offenders agree to participate in the Teen Court program, and if successful, can avoid the juvenile justice system.

The jury is comprised of high school students from around the county. For the teen jurors, this is a volunteer experience and a chance to see firsthand how the criminal justice system works. The jury develops a finding for the offending youth, such as writing an apology letter, performing community service hours, attending educational programs, or serving on the teen jury in the future.

Teen Court is partnership of the Harford County Department of Community Services' Local Management Board, the Office of Drug Control Policy, the Department of Juvenile Services, the State's Attorney's Office, and Harford County Public Schools.

To register for the Teen Court training session on August 29, or to learn more about serving as a volunteer juror or court clerk, please contact the Office of Drug Control Policy at 410-638-3333 or teencourt@harfordcountymd.gov.

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